

DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION S E C R E T	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO. RASA-5197
TO INFO	Chief of Station, Vienna Chief, IE		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. 6-124-27/1
FROM	Chief of Base, Salzburg	DATE 10 APR 1959	
SUBJECT	ORBOUNCE/ORCROOND/PLANS Renewal of Project ORCROOND		RE: "43-3" — (CHECK "X" ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
ACTION REQUIRED	Renew Project ORCROOND for the fiscal year 1960 in the amount of []		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY
REFERENCE(S)	<p>a. RASA-19637, 18 April 1958 (Attachment) b. RASA-12376, 6 January 1959 c. RASA-5174, 3 April 1959</p> <p>1. It is requested that Project ORCROOND and its sub-projects (GRAVINETRY, GRBLAMED, GROIVINO, GRICK, GRIBASTE, GRILAUCH and GRREPAIR) be renewed for the fiscal year 1960. Total expenses for the year are estimated at []. The following paragraphs contain a review of the current ORCROOND operational status, our plans for the next year and a detailed account of estimated costs.</p> <p><u>Current Status</u></p> <p>2. The outward appearance of ORCROOND has changed little during the past year. It contains a total of twenty agents (including GRAVINETRY-1), sixteen of whom are viable staybehind assets located in or near five of the eight RUON UW Areas. The other four agents - GRAVINETRY-1, GRBLAMED-1, GRREPAIR-3 and GRREPAIR-4 - are not considered hot war assets. The staybehind "cadre" of sixteen agents is made up of ten radio operators, five principal agents and one sub-agent (GRREPAIR-16). Six of the W/T agents are trained and competent operators and have full complements of equipment. The other four are still in training (or just beginning) and there are good indications that two of them (GRBLAMED-11 and GRREPAIR-15) will be reasonably good operators by the end of the calendar year. The five principal agents, located in UW Areas 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, have on the average reached a degree of operational ability sufficient to accomplish their wartime missions with a fair amount of success assuming the existence of an adequate communications channel. They cannot yet, however, be classified as competent stay-behind agents.</p> <p>3. The real wartime capability of ORCROOND has improved slightly over what it was last year. Through tradecraft training the operational ability of the principal agents has been increased and they are now better prepared to carry out their wartime missions. The six trained W/T agents have two new radio sets apiece and have undergone W/T refresher training. Communications, however, is still the weakest link. The trained radio operators are poorly located geographically - two in Vienna, one in Salzburg and three in UW Area No. 2 - which has the effect of providing reliable communications in only one of the five UW Areas in which we have staybehind assets. On the other hand, the security, efficiency and wartime potential of ORCROOND is much better. Deadwood has been removed (GRBLAMED-21, GRBLAMED-23, GRREPAIR-5 and GRREPAIR-11 were terminated) or relegated to more appropriate positions (GRBLAMED-4 and GRREPAIR-16 have been reduced to the status of simple sub-agents with minimum Case Officer contact). The basic staybehind nuclei in UW Areas 5 and 6 were completed through the recruitment of two W/T agents (GRREPAIR-15 and GRREPAIR-17) thereby enabling us to do away with the rather unrealistic policy of redeployment and to concentrate on searching for assets in the three undeveloped UW Areas (Nos. 3, 7 and 8).</p> <p>DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCES/METHOD/EXEMPTION 3028 NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2007</p> <p><u>Plans</u> 4. We shall conduct</p>		
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Plans

4. We shall conduct an intensive and all-out effort to obtain staybehind nuclei in UW Areas 3, 7 and 8. By use of all means available to SOB (GRABALL identification files, citizens of FSPRINE resident in Austria, miscellaneous leads and contacts, etc.), we hope to accomplish this task by or before the end of FY-1960. Related to this, but not quite as pressing a problem, is our plan to obtain a principal agent to work with GRIPWASTE in UW Area 2 and concurrently terminate or put on ice the present ORLAUNCH nucleus.

5. GRIVINE and GRICE will be more closely integrated into the GRCROOND wartime structure. Operational analysis will be made to determine how they may best be incorporated into the overall staybehind effort and the agents will be given specific training, instructions and missions designed to coordinate more effectively their activities with those of the other GRCROOND sub-projects.

6. Operational training is to be continued for all agents with emphasis placed on intelligence collection and reporting, Evasion and Escape and the operational communications and support mechanisms necessary to the successful accomplishment of these activities. The training will be increasingly practical in nature and will be coordinated with a program of locating and reporting on Deaddrops, potential Live Drops and Safehouses, Drop Zones and Landing Zones, safe areas and caching areas, E & E pick-up points and routes. Practical training will also be incorporated into the principal agents' task of spotting and assessing potential wartime assets.

7. During the next year an analysis of each sub-project will be made for the purpose of arriving at a better coordinated wartime plan in relation to the overall European War Plan and to possible specific KUBARK wartime needs. In this analysis we shall also incorporate specific tasks and missions which, with regard to geographic and strategic location and individual agent characteristics and capabilities (actual or potential), we believe to be realistic in terms of contribution to the general UW effort and the agents' ability to accomplish them.

8. Our proposal of last year to provide various agents with useful wartime supplies and equipment remains a part of our planning for the coming year. We are currently testing the caching suitability of different types of local foodstuffs and other commodities which are likely to be in short supply or unavailable under wartime conditions. We are also beginning to accumulate information from the GRCROOND agents on those items of barter and survival most appropriate and suitable for their respective areas. When sufficient data has been obtained, we shall submit individual cache proposals.

Finance

9. Operating costs for FY-1960 should be considerably less than they were for 1959. The cause of this decrease is the much smaller number of W/T sets required for the coming year - a total of six as compared to eighteen last year. A general breakdown of estimated expenses is set forth below. We have also attached a table showing the salaries and estimated expenses for the individual agents. As there are large differences between certain salary and expense figures, we should explain the items we have placed under expenses. All agents are reimbursed for operational travel on either a mileage basis (Austrian Schillings 1.50 per kilometer) if they drive their personal vehicle or on an actual cost basis (train or bus fare, car rental). For those agents living in Central and Eastern Steiermark, travel expenses alone may equal or exceed their annual salaries. Agents who are required to spend more than two consecutive days on operational assignments (primarily W/T operators) are paid a per diem of Austrian Schillings 50.00 and are compensated for loss of annual leave at a rate equal to their respective monthly civilian income. We have tentatively included GRAVINTREX-1 expenses under GRCROOND based on the assumption that Headquarters will approve the proposal set forth in reference c. If, however, Headquarters disapproves or prefers to fund the GRAVINTREX-1 activity through ORIN, the total GRCROOND operating expenses for FY-1960 will be reduced by \$200.00.

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<p>a. Agent salaries and expenses</p> <p>b. W/T equipment (3 RS-1's; 3 RS-6's complete and prepared for casking)</p> <p>c. Other supplies and equipment</p> <p>d. Safehouse (potential expense, property not yet obtained)</p> <p>e. Operational entertainment</p> <p>f. Miscellaneous operational expenses and developmental activities</p>	<p>[]</p> <p>7,000.00</p> <p>2,000.00</p> <p>2,000.00</p> <p>100.00</p> <p>550.00</p> <p>[]</p> <p>[]</p>	
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MAY 1959		
<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
GRAVIMETRY-1	\$ []	\$ 100.00
GRAVIMETRY-4		160.00
ORCLAND-4		60.00
ORCLAND-26		60.00
ORCLAND-31		300.00
ORCLAND		
ORCLAND-1		200.00
ORCLAND-1		200.00
ORCLAND		
ORCLAND-1		250.00
ORCLAND-2		360.00
ORCLAND-4/9		150.00
ORCLAND-3		260.00
ORCLAND-4		240.00
ORCLAND-6		100.00
ORCLAND-7		220.00
ORCLAND-9		220.00
ORCLAND-15		420.00
ORCLAND-16		100.00
ORCLAND-17		300.00
ORCLAND-18	300.00	
		\$ 4,200.00
TOTAL	[]	
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